

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 3, 2012
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:10 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, LaVonne McClairen, Pat Mencinkas, David Ginter, Kamil Jaruga and Nicole Erickson.

Members Absent: Donna Claffy, Beth Tucker, and Edith Bukwa.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Tina Fogarty, Senior Program Director and Cory Nietzsche, DD Residential Coordinator from Neumann Family Services, were present.

Jill noted that a quorum was present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of May 22, 2102 Minutes: LaVonne made a motion to approve the May 22nd, 2012 minutes with no revisions; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#13-030-9001- Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital. This case was accepted for investigation and opened by the North Suburban regional HRA. After the investigation began it was revealed that there was a conflict of interest for the HRA and the case was transferred to the Chicago regional HRA. The complaint involves the involuntary admission of a recipient; there are 14 elements of the complaint that are being challenged by the complainant. A release of information has been obtained. LaVonne made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Kamil made a motion to go into closed session at 5:38 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:25 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None

Report of Findings:

#11-030-9010 Jesse Brown. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9002 Presidential Pavilion. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9003 Loretto. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9004 Presidential Pavilion. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9007 Sheridan Shores. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#11-030-9021 Stroger Hospital. A motion was made to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9023 Stroger Hospital. The hospital did not submit a response. They were notified and are preparing a response to be considered at the next meeting. The closure is postponed.

#12-030-9005 Libby Elementary. The provider submitted a response. The response revealed that there is pertinent information related to the case that was not received by the HRA in the investigation. The HRA is requesting the information. The case closure is postponed pending the receipt of the information.

Case Status Reports:

#12-030-9001 Hines VA. The HRA has contacted the provider twice to establish a site visit date and obtain additional information for the case. The HRA will submit a final letter to the provider before pursuing subpoenas for the record and the interview of staff.

#12-030-9010 Rush. The hospital has a new Associate General Counsel and Chairman of the Psychiatry Department, and therefore the lines of communication have been strained. Although we have received the record for this case, we will have to pursue a new contact person to

complete the investigation. The Risk Management Director is working with the hospital to set this up.

#12-030-9011 Madden. The site visit date is July 12, 2012.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA voted to maintain the confidentiality of the closed meeting minutes.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa